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## SUNK BY RUSSIANS

Belated News of Fate of a Japanese Liner.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 2.—Official advices brought to this port by the steamer Siberia are to the effect that the crack lined Nippon Maru, of the Japanese Pacific fleet, was sunk by the Russian fleet in the battle of the Sea of Japan. She was acting as a scout boat and was discovered by the Russians.

## AMUR RIVER

Japanese Preparing to Land Force at Its Mouth.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—According to a private dispatch from Lindzaputze, the Japanese are preparing to land at the mouth of the Amur river.

To Investigate Insurance Companies. Chicago, Aug. 2.—Four western states have signified their intention of joining hands with R. E. Folk and his reform band of insurance commissioners and make a sweeping investigation of the great life insurance companies in New York. The insurance commissioners of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kentucky and Tennessee will meet in New York August 10 and begin work. The companies selected to receive their attention first are the Equitable, the Mutual and the New York Life and they will be given the most exhaustive inquiry into life insurance companies in history.

## SOMNAMBULISM AS A MURDER DEFENSE

REMARKABLE TRIAL IN CHICAGO CRIMINAL COURT.

John Mueller Killed Wife and Babies and Claims Not to Remember Deed.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—The remarkable defense of somnambulism, in which a triple murder was committed, excited intense interest but slight sympathy in the criminal court today.

John Mueller, on trial in Judge Kersten's court for the murder of his wife and two babies at their flat, 83 Lewis street, denied on the witness stand all recollection of the butchery. He told a story intended to sustain the claim of the defense that if he committed the triple murder at all it must have been during a period of somnambulism.

On direct examination by Attorney Seymour Mueller said that the night of the tragedy he returned to his home about 7 o'clock. He found his wife in a happy mood, singing as she worked. After an unusually good supper Mueller went out for a time, taking several drinks in a saloon. Between 10 and 11 o'clock he returned.

"My wife was still singing," added Mueller. "My little girl, Martha, was playing on the floor, and she, too, was happy. I got down on the floor and played with her."

"What is the last thing you remember that night?" asked Mueller's lawyer.

"I remember that my wife put her arms about me and our little girl and kissed us. Then I went to sleep."

"What next?"

"The next I remember was when I woke up in the Alexian Brothers' hospital with my throat cut and a bullet in my body. I did not know my wife and babies were dead until one of the brothers at the hospital told me. Even then I would not believe it. Finally my own brother told me."

All the terrible incidents of that night, he said, were nothing in his memory. There was not even the vestige of a recollection of the screams of his wife, of the piteous cries of his hapless children, of the mad struggle that had taken place, and which the neighbors had heard. It was all a blank, and the only picture that rose in his brain was that of happy fire-side scenes of that last night.

It was a strange story—a story that was listened to with breathless interest by everybody in the court room, and yet when it was finished there was not a word of sympathy for Mueller.

The expert insanity witnesses for the defense are expected to testify to their belief that the prisoner is insane and that he is sincere when he asserts that all recollections of the crime has vanished from his mind.

## THE DEATH RECORD

Eleven Victims of Yellow Fever—New Cases, 32.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 2.—Following is the official record of the yellow fever situation for the 24 hours ending at 10 o'clock tonight:

Deaths, 11.

New cases, 32.

New localities of infection, 4.

Postmaster Woodward today stated that none of the mails addressed to merchants and private individuals outside of the state would be fumigated. This step, he said, had been deemed unnecessary by Dr. White of the United States Marine Hospital service.

## HON. WILLIAM ADAIR

In Serious Condition From a Paralytic Stroke.

Special to Morning News. Carrollton, Aug. 2.—Hon. William Adair of Leesville, at one time a member of the Ohio general assembly and author of the Adair liquor law, sustained a paralytic stroke Tuesday and his chances for recovery are very doubtful. Mr. Adair's whole left side is affected, and his left arm is entirely useless. He is in a semi-conscious state. E. M. Adair, a Carrollton attorney, is a son of the stricken man and is at his bedside.

### George Clark's Successor.

The successor to George Clark as chairman of the Republican central committee will be elected at the meeting next Saturday morning. At that time the members of the present committee will meet and transact whatever business remains and then the newly elected members will proceed with the election of their chairman.

### Strike Headquarters.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 2.—J. J. Dermody, fourth vice president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers reached Helena today with the announcement that this city had been made headquarters for the striking telegraphers on both the Northern Pacific and Great Northern systems.

### Philadelphia's Bogus Registration.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 2.—A partial return of the canvass now being conducted by the police of the voters of their respective districts shows that in seven of the 42 wards of the city there were more than 5,000 bogus names on the assessors' list. There is no doubt that at least 30,000 bogus names of voters are on the assessors' lists of Philadelphia.

## JAMES PETERSON

Aged Resident of Bergholz Dead at Age of 77 Years.

Special to Morning News. Carrollton, O., Aug. 2.—James Peterson, aged 77 years, a highly respected citizen of Bergholz, died early this morning from a complication of diseases. His illness, however, was of brief duration.

The deceased is survived by a wife and six children, as follows: John, Robert and Thomas Peterson and Mesdames Mary Scott, Samantha Allman and Tillie Herbout.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from the Methodist church at Bergholz, of which the deceased was a member. Interment will be made at West Union cemetery.

## THREE MURDERS AND ONE SUICIDE

IS CHICAGO'S CRIME RECORD FOR ONE NIGHT.

Man Killed Girl Because She Would Not Marry Him—Shot Because He "Scabbed."

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Three murders and one suicide in quick succession swelled the list of crimes in this city tonight.

Because she refused to become his wife and her father ordered him to cease his attention to his daughter, William Dembrow shot Emily Walters through the breast and then blew the top of his head off with a 38-calibre revolver tonight. The doctors say Miss Walters cannot live.

In another part of the city, Charles Piercy, aged 60, was killed by Patrick Walsh. Piercy was a union teamster, but refused to go out when the strike was called. Walsh, a union teamster, met Piercy on the street tonight, and after calling him a "scab" and "traitor" plunged a knife into Piercy's heart.

The third victim was Martin Varcheria, who was killed in a quarrel with Charles Tarinsky.

## BIG CONSOLIDATION

Of Electric Railway Lines in the Mahoning Valley.

Youngstown, O., Aug. 2.—A meeting, preparatory to completing the consolidation of the electric lines of this section, was held this afternoon. The lines which will be consolidated are the Mahoning Valley lines, from Warren, through Niles, Girard, Youngstown, Struthers, Lowellville and New Castle, with the local lines in each town, and the Youngstown & Sharon, through Youngstown, Hubbard, Sharon, Sharpsville, West Middlesex to New Castle.

It will be an enormous consolidation, with lines more than 60 miles long and affording the great connecting link between Cleveland and Pittsburgh. The Belmonts of New York are back of the deal.

## VICE PRESIDENT

Fairbanks Suffering From Attack of Acute Indigestion.

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Aug. 2.—Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana, who is the guest of honor at the celebration here, is tonight confined to his room in the Iroquois Hotel suffering from an attack of acute indigestion. His physicians say they don't think that his condition is dangerous and hope that he will have so far recovered by morning as to be able to deliver his address at the exercises to be held in connection with the semi-centennial.

## B. & O. BRAKEMAN

Received Injuries From Engine Which Caused His Death.

New Philadelphia, Aug. 2.—D. B. Shrier, a brakeman on the B. & O. gravel train, met with injuries at the gravel pit just south of this city that caused his death yesterday. He was the front brakeman and had crawled under the tender of the engine to fix a coupling. For some reason the engineer backed before Shrier was ready and he was caught under the wheels. His home was at Lorain.

## NEW BREWERY

Stock is Being Subscribed For by Canton Saloonists.

A movement is on foot to form a stock company to operate the old brewery at Louisville. The affair is being conducted secretly. So far, 40 subscribers have signed the stock subscription. It is also reported that a new brewery in Canton is contemplated by the promoters. The stock is being taken principally by saloonists.

### Venezuela Grants Two Monopolies.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The state department has been informed by the United States charge d'affaires at Caracas, Venezuela that the Venezuelan government has granted two contracts, in the nature of monopolies to two citizens of Venezuela, giving to one the exclusive right to manufacture glass and crystal articles, and to the other the exclusive right to establish flour mills in Venezuela.

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### Look at These Special Values.

Batiste Lawns, fast colors, worth 5c, at.....2c yd  
Batiste Lawns, fast colors, worth 8c, at.....5c yd  
Cotton Voiles, former price 20c, at.....12½c yd  
Cotton Voiles, former price 15c, at.....7c yd

### Extra Values in Dress Goods.

Figured Mohairs that formerly sold for 65c, at.....33c yd  
Wool Dress Goods that formerly sold for 85c, at.....60c yd  
Wool Dress Goods that formerly sold for \$1.00, at.....60c yd  
A special \$1.00 value in 36-inch Black Taffeta, at.....75c yd

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## TRIAL IN OPEN COURT

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named as correspondents, would be represented by depositions.

With the raising of law points threatening the exclusion of much of the sensational contents of the 60 or more depositions taken in the case, the hearing of the soon-to-be-notorious Taggart divorce suit began this morning, though the formal opening of the case was set for 1 p. m.

The morning's arguments before Judge S. B. Enson, in the common pleas court room, were on exceptions filed Monday by Attorney Edward S. Wertz, chief counsel for Major Taggart. They attacked as leading and objectionable many of the questions asked in taking depositions on the behalf of the defendant.

Such questions as "Did you, while you were at Fort Thomas, ever hear of a drinking bout in which Mrs. Taggart and another officer's wife took part?" and "Was Mrs. Taggart in every sense a lady?" were cited as leading and inadmissible.

The objections were hotly contested by Mrs. Taggart's attorneys, Judge M. L. Smyser, congressman-elect, and Capt. J. B. Taylor, who maintained that no objections were raised at the time the depositions were taken, though attorneys for Taggart were present, and that the proper time for making objections not made at that time would come with the reading of the depositions when offered in evidence.

The court's decision left honors easy at the opening, as some of the objections were sustained and others were overruled, the favorable and adverse rulings being about equally numerous. Judge Enson also left many of the objections open for rulings later, announcing that his present rulings should not be considered as debarring the court from reversing them later if the evidence proved such as to change his position.

In this case the truth and honor of husband and wife are directly opposed, the characters of both being at stake, and one or the other necessarily facing the utter loss of reputation, as the court may decide.

Accordingly, the opening statements were to be directed toward vindication of client and justification of client's husband or wife. Edward S. Wertz, cousin and counsel of Major Elmore E. Taggart, was to address himself to proof of the major's splendid army record and standing and to the charge that the major's wife had become intimate with a fast set of army men and women who were endeavoring to ruin the reputation of a brave officer.

The court's attention was to be called to Taggart's record in Cuba,

which earned him at the hands of Major General Shafter a recommendation for promotion to the rank of major and brevet of lieutenant colonel for gallant and meritorious conduct on the field of battle, as well as to his long and creditable service in the Philippines, where he led the expedition resulting in the final pacification of the island of Mindanao.

The plaintiff has much character testimony ready, both oral and written, as well as several witnesses and many depositions in support of the allegations against Mrs. Taggart, charging her with desertion, intoxication and gross immorality.

Some of these correspondents are here to testify in support of Mrs. Taggart's counter-charges that Taggart attacked her brutally, struck her, broke her jaw, threw her to the floor, and was himself guilty of intoxication and improper relations with a Filipino woman named Augustina, said to be surnamed De La Cruz. This woman's deposition is among those whose admissibility was argued this morning.

The same witness, according to Mrs. Taggart's counsel, will directly and completely refute the charges the major has brought against his wife, unreservedly swearing that her character is unimpeachable and her conduct above reproach.

Taggart was busy this morning conferring with his witnesses and Attorney Sterling of Canton when out of court. He arrived last evening and is staying at Wertz's rooms with several of his brother officers, who are to testify for him. Mrs. Taggart is entertaining at her home on West Liberty street several wives of army men who are to support her in court during her ordeal and to testify in defense of her character. Neither plaintiff nor defendant appeared in court at the morning session, and Mrs. Taggart denied herself to all callers.

As the case bids fair to besmirch the much vaunted honor of the service, it is attracting wide attention among army people and the public in general, as evidenced by the attendance at the trial of several officers not involved on either side, and newspaper correspondents from all the Ohio cities and from New York, Philadelphia and Boston. The army visitors, true to their traditions, refuse to discuss the case or express opinions on the relative truth of the accusations. The witnesses, none of whom is stopping at the hotels, naturally are equally reticent.

Taggart, through Wertz, sent word to the correspondents this morning that he felt all confidence in his ultimate vindication.

Mrs. Taggart is known to be similarly sanguine. The outcome, however, will not be soon. According to counsel, the trial is likely to last three weeks. Its result, if unfavorable to him, is expected to drive Taggart from

the army, though it is predicted that he will not accept cashiering without appeal to army jurisdiction. He himself refuses to consider the possibility of such an event. So sure is he that Judge Enson's decision will clear his character at the expense of his wife's that he has already applied for duty in the departments of the lakes, that he may have with him the two little sons now in Mrs. Taggart's custody.

### The Soc's Celebration.

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Aug. 2.—With the city crowding with thousands of visitors, and with hundreds of yards of bunting flying in the breeze from all the buildings on both the American and Canadian sides of the St. Mary's river, a salute at sunrise from the government ships in the harbor opened the two days' celebration of the semi-centennial of the opening of the St. Marys ship canal, which connects Lake Superior with the lower lakes.

### A \$5,000,000 Depot For Cleveland.

New York, Aug. 2.—The definite announcement is made by C. J. Grammer, vice president of the New York Central system that Cleveland, O., is to have a \$5,000,000 union depot, \$3,000,000 of which will be the share of the New York Central lines as a part of the appropriation of \$60,000,000 for improvements to be made within the next three or four years.

### Strike of Section Hands.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 2.—The strike of the section hands and track walkers on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, extending from Denver to Salt Lake went into effect at six o'clock tonight when from between 300 and 400 men turned over their keys and tools to the nearest agent of the company.

### Peterson's Mayor Still Missing.

Patterson, N. J., Aug. 2.—Mayor William H. Belcher, of this city whose accounts are alleged to be badly involved and to be short an amount variously estimated at from \$10,000 to \$25,000 is still missing and the report that he had been located in New York cannot be verified and is not generally believed.

### Secretary Wilson Refutes Statements.

Washington, E. C., Aug. 2.—In a signed statement given out this afternoon Secretary of Agriculture Wilson disposes of the story that scientists in the bureau of forestry have been doing work "on the side" for private concerns.

### Killed in Runaway.

Myria, O., Aug. 2.—Hazel Culbertson, aged 14 years of Huntsburg was killed today in a runaway.